

HEADQUARTERS  
2156TH AIR RESCUE SQUADRON (TT)  
Mobile Training Unit  
McCall, Idaho

6 February 1952

SUBJECT: MATS Survival School, McCall, Idaho.

TO: Commander  
Air Resupply and Communications Service  
Headquarters USAF  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attn: Colonel Hockenberry, DCO

THRU: 1. Commanding Officer  
1300th Training Squadron, ARCS, MATS  
Mt. Home Air Force Base, Idaho

2. Commander  
1300th Air Base Wing, ARCS, MATS  
Mt. Home Air Force Base, Idaho

1. A meeting was held on 26 January 1952 at Headquarters 2156th AR Sq/TT/MTU Survival School, McCall, Idaho. Present were the following:

Colonel Hockenberry, DCO ARCS  
Lt Col Adkins, Plans and Training ARCS  
Lt Col Innes-Taylor, CO 2156th AR Sq/TT/MTU  
Major G. M. Foster, Headquarters USAF  
Capt Flacco, Plans and Training ARCS

2. This will confirm the matters discussed and generally approved.

a. The 2156th AR Sq/TT/MTU is transferred to ARCS and becomes MATS Survival School on the same level of command in the 1300th Training Squadron as the B-29 MTU.

b. Instructors were to be allocated to the school from E & E slots of each ARC Wing on a permanent basis. Instructors were also to be forthcoming from ARS, Air Weather and Transport based on a percentage of yearly trainees processed through the school.

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c. Logistical support in order to accomplish the mission was pledged, i. e.:

- (1) Materiel
- (2) Transport
- (3) Prefab buildings

d. The school was to be ready to accept 120 students per class as of 1 May 1952. Interim training of backlog total of 137 trainees from 581st ARC Wing, ARS and others was to be accomplished prior to 1 May 1952.

e. Three (3) courses were to be standardized:

- (1) Survival, Evasion and Escape for aircrews and others - 21 days.
- (2) Survival, Evasion and Escape for instructors - 28 days.
- (3) Survival Evasion and Escape for staff officers - 5 days.

All courses will run concurrently and commence the first day of each month.

f. Coordination with other using agencies regarding student flow would be effected by ARCS and programmed through Training Control Section 1300th Training Squadron at Mt. Home Air Force Base.

### 3. Present status.

a. The instructing staff at this station has been cut considerably by the removal of ARS instructors for overseas service. Roster follows:

S/Sgt Ray G. Beasley, instructor in training  
T/Sgt Kenneth A. Blackwell, instructor in training  
Cpl Edward R. Free, instructor in training  
Cpl Odd W. Bjerke, E & E instructor in training  
Mr. George Atteberry, survival instructor in training

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b. Permanent operating staff exclusive of housekeeping troops follows:

Lt Colonel A. Innes-Taylor, Commanding Officer  
Dr. John J. Craighead, Chief Instructor Survival  
Dr. Frank C. Craighead, Chief Training Research  
and Development  
Mrs. N. V. Scott, Secretary

c. All other personnel at the unit are on a temporary attached basis. The turnover is frequent, particularly in F & E officers. It is desirable to have a more stable organization in order that the school may function efficiently and to this end permanent assignments are requested.

4. The assignment of an officer familiar with administration and handling of troops is requested. He should be if possible a 2520 and not on flying status. He should be assigned as Executive Officer and if he has an outdoor background, so much the better.

5. The pending arrival of four (4) additional potential instructors from ARS is noted. They will be entered in the instructor training course immediately upon arrival at this station.

6. Note is made of the urgent need for snow vehicles at this station. Possibility of borrowing an M-29 from the National Guard of this Military District should even be considered as a temporary measure.

7. Coordination between ARS, Air Weather, Air Transport and Headquarters ARCS is requested on planning flow of trainees to this unit.

A. INNES-TAYLOR  
Lt Colonel USAF  
Commanding